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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Paul GILSON et al.

Application No.: 09/986,132

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For: SUPPORT FRAME FOR AN
EMBOLIC PROTECTION
DEVICE

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) Group Art Unit: 3762
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) Examiner: Unknown
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 5, 9, 10, 13, 15-17, 21-27, 29-30, 32, 34, 37, and 39-40
as follows:

3. (Amended) An embolic protection device as claimed in claim 1 wherein
the frame comprises a number of frame elements, at least some of the frame elements
having an engagement segment.

5. (Amended) An embolic protection device as claimed in claim 1 wherein
the frame has an intermediate section and a proximal section extending from the

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